HIKE IN PRICE OF NEWSPRINT

3169. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Newsprint Limited have hiked the prices of indigenous newsprint ;

(b) if so, the extent of price hike pel tonae made by the Hindustan Newsprini Limited ;

(c) the reasons for hike in the newt-print price ; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to bring down the prices of Newsprint in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) In order to compensate partly the increase in the cost of production, the Hindustan Newsprint Ltd., increased the price of 46/49 g.s.m. newsprint by Rs. 1000 per tonne with effect from 21st June, 1993.

(d) There is no statutory control ovei the price of newsprint.

REVITALISATION OF P.S.Us

3176. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether revival of sick units and revitalisation of public sector undertakings were discussed in the International Labour Organisation Conference held in Geaeva on June 12, 1992 ;

(b) what steps are being taken to revive *the* sick industrial units and *to* provide alternative jobs or means of livelihood to the affected workers :and

(c) the number of workers and others *who* have been rendered jobless because *it* sickness during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THS MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) There was no reference about revival of sick units and revitalisation of PSUs in the discussion in the International Labour Organisation Conference held in Geneva on June 12, 1992.

(b) and (c) Sick industrial undertakings have been referred to BIFR for formulation of revital/rehabilitation packages. Operating agencies have been appointed by the BIFR. In order to protect the in-:erest of affected workers National Revival Fund has been set up by the Government as a Safety net. No worker can be considered as rendered jobless because of sickness.

भारत हैवी इलेक्ट्रिकल्स लिमिटेड को हुआ घाटा

3171. श्री अजीत जोशी :

चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत हैवी इलैक्ट्रिकल्स लिमिटेड घाटे में चल रहा है, यदि हां, तो इसका यूनिटवार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारत हैवी इलैक्ट्रिकल्स लिमिटेड के लाभ तथा कारोबार का वर्षवार तुलनात्मक ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार इस कंपनी को लाभप्रद बनाने का विचार रखती है; और